# This Page Is Inserted by IFW Operations and is not a part of the Official Record

## **BEST AVAILABLE IMAGES**

Defective images within this document are accurate representations of the original documents submitted by the applicant.

Defects in the images may include (but are not limited to):

- BLACK BORDERS
- TEXT CUT OFF AT TOP, BOTTOM OR SIDES
- FADED TEXT
- ILLEGIBLE TEXT
- SKEWED/SLANTED IMAGES
- COLORED PHOTOS
- BLACK OR VERY BLACK AND WHITE DARK PHOTOS
- GRAY SCALE DOCUMENTS

## IMAGES ARE BEST AVAILABLE COPY.

As rescanning documents will not correct images, please do not report the images to the Image Problem Mailbox.

#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re patent application of

Masao Goto et al.

Serial No.: 10/628,305

Group Art Unit: 3726

Filing Date: July 29, 2003

Examiner: Unknown

For:

ROLLER MEMBER AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

#### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.99 and pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, applicant respectfully brings the following documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. Copies of the listed documents are provided herewith for the convenience of the Examiner. In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), the relevance of one of these documents is discussed on page 1 of the subject application. Further, English-language Abstracts are attached to two of the references. Also, the U.S. Patent counterpart to one of the references is attached.

This citation does not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims. They are only cited as constituting related art of which the applicant is aware.

It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean M. McGinn

Registration No. 34,386

Intellectual Property Law 8321 Old Courthouse Road, Suite 200

Vienna, VA 22182-3817

(703) 761-4100

Customer No. 21254

### Docket Number (Optional) Application Number K06-159567M/AT NGB.278 10/628,305 Applicant(s) INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION Masao Goto et al. (Use several sheets if necessary) Filing Date Group Art Unit 3726 July 29, 2003 U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS FILING DATE EXAMINER CLASS SUBCLASS NAME DATE DOCUMENT NUMBER INITIAL IF APPROPRIATE Matsumoto et al. 06/16/92 5,122,000 FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS Translation COUNTRY CLASS SUBCLASS DATE REF DOCUMENT NUMBER **JAPAN** 01/14/92 4-9449 **JAPAN** 12/12/00 2000-345299 **JAPAN** 02/28/95 7-54616 (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.) OTHER DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER DATE CONSIDERED

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP Section 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Form PTO-A820 (also form PTO-1449)

P09A/REV04

Patent and Trademark Office \* U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE